

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
February 1, 2011, @ 7:00 p.m.

The February 1, 2011, regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates  
Vice Mayor Mike Harris

Council Members: Johnnie Branham  
Diana Reedy  
Barry Whitt  
Rocky Wood  
Joe Sperow

## **ITEMS # I & II**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered the invocation.

## **ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates made a request for any additions or changes to the agenda.

With no additions or changes to be made to the agenda, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to approve the agenda. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

## **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the prepared, January 2011 minutes of the Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Upon motion made by Council Member Diana Reedy and second by Council Member Rocky Wood to approve the January 4, 2011 minutes. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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**ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the Council was presented the following for approval:

- Current listing of payables due for February 2011
- January 2011 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance (check-register)
- December 2010 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the January 2011 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to accept the January 2011 revenue and expenditures. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VII – OLD BUSINESS**

**A. POLICE REPORT**

Police Activity Report – Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of January. He reported traffic for the month has been slow due to weather conditions. He stated that an annual report was also included with the monthly activity report and offered to answer any questions pertaining to the reports.

Chief George Wallace reported the following activities:

DIP	01
Traffic Summons	02
Vehicle Stops	03
Assist Motorist	00
Warrants Served	01
Accident Investigations	02
Incident Reports	09

Council Member Diana Reedy asked have there been any more incidents at the Dollar General Store.

Chief Wallace reported yes, and this is close to being solved. There was another incident at the clinic.

Mayor Yates asked Chief Wallace to update the council on the armed robbery case?

Chief Wallace reported the robbery occurred at Barton's Grocery (Beecher's) which is out of the town's jurisdiction, but while patrolling the Sandlick area dispatch received the call, and since, I was in the area I asked the deputies if they needed assistance? The deputies stated they did, so I proceeded toward Edwards Ridge to the Low Gap section of the county. He stated in this area three clues to the incident were found.

Council Member Barry Whitt commented he had contacted VDOT about additional speed limit signs for the section of road between Haysi High and Sandlick Elementary. He said VDOT informed him as soon as the weather breaks they would try to get the signs installed.

Chief Wallace said he had received a complaint in court that there was no speeded limit sign inside of the town's jurisdiction coming from the Sandlick area.

## **B. Animal Control Ordinance**

Mayor Yates entertained a motion to approve the animal control ordinance.

Motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to approve the Animal Control Ordinance. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

## **VII. MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates asked the council to review the budget draft for Phase I of the revitalization project on the CDBG money and also, review the draft agreement with Cumberland Plateau Planning District to help with the administration grant money.

Mayor Yates report on the Revolving Loan tool, the town is still working with People Incorporated and is close to being finished.

Mayor Yates reported he had been to Richmond with the county's legislation delegation. He said they had the opportunity to meet with several members of legislation and several different entities such as Rural Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, etc... As a county delegation there was success with Rural Development on possible funding for an animal shelter for the county. On the town side, I met with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. It appears to be favorable for the town to receive grant monies for the walking/hiking biking trail from the town shed up to the gazebo, but please keep in mind they also received 41 grant applications. He said he had received news on the town ARC grant application and it looks favorable and an announcement should be made soon. He also mentioned the group met with the tobacco commission and they have agreed to fund a full time executive director of the Spearhead Trails Group which will help this project move forward.

Mayor Yates added on January 14, a meeting with Appalachian Gateway Assessment Grant a meeting was held. He said Dr. Estep with SVCC is interested in being

involved with this project. In March a group from Indiana State University will visit the town to work on the river front clean-up project.

Mayor Yates said there is an item in legislation concerning The Crooked Road. The proposed bill in front of legislation is to extend The Crooked Road eastward into Martinsville. (Bill 1916) This proposal has already been passed by the house. If you are not in favor of this proposal, I suggest you contact your legislators and mention it to them. Martinsville is not known for their heritage of music, but for manufacturing furniture.

Mayor Yates said he had no further comments.

## **VII. Council Comments**

Council Member Joe Sperow asked is there an update on the gas company?

Mayor Yates replied he had spoken with Appalachian Gas and the project is still a go. The company is waiting on the weather, and should be here in the Spring.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked, are the gas lines going to be located in the streets?

Mayor Yates replied it is to his understanding the lines will be located in the streets. The gas company feels this is the best way to distribute the gas to the town, and the company would only have to deal with one entity, such as VDOT instead of several individuals.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. AUDIT SERVICES**

Mayor Yates reported in November 2010, the town's audits were up to date, and in December 2010 the agreement with Thrower and Blanton was complete. The town has used Thrower and Blanton since 2006, and the firm is interested in continue working with the town.

Mayor Yates stated in the past the town has spent between \$6000.00 and \$8000.00 per year for auditing services. He said in a conversation with Tamera Greer of Thrower and Blanton, she thinks the audit cost can be reduced to approximately \$4000.00 per year if certain conditions are met for example: The town does not exceed over \$500,000.00 of federal money through the town's general fund, if that happens, the town would move to a higher level of auditing and the cost would be more. He said he did not think this would be an issue.

Mayor Yates mentioned if the town could get this agreement in writing, his suggestion would be to stay with Thrower and Blanton.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked does a decision need to be made now.

Mayor Yates replied Tamera would like to start on the 2011 audit as soon as possible.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked does the town need to have a written agreement, before approval is made.

Mayor Yates replied, he could get the agreement in writing or the council could give him the approval to negotiate with Thrower and Blanton.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy and second by Council Member Johnnie Branham to give Mayor Yates authority to negotiate with Thrower and Blanton & Associates to continue with auditing service for the following years 2011-2012-2013, and with the option to extend the agreement for two years. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

#### **ITEM # X - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maple Edwards commented she wanted to thank each Mayor Yates and Council Members for choosing her for the citizenship award.

#### **ITEM # X – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to adjourn the meeting., Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk